March 16, 2025

To: The Federal Communications Commission

Re: GN Docket No. 25-133

Thank you for allowing me to express my comments regarding GN Docket No. 25-133 “Re: DELETE, DELETE, DELETE”

I have been an licensed amateur radio operator since 1977. Prior to that time, I was licensed as a Citizen’s Band operator. As many of us in that era, we gravitated away from CB radio due to the fact that although we were licensed as a CB operator by the FCC it was largely unregulated. The FCC just couldn’t police all of the CB operators in existence at that time.

We yearned for a more structured service, steeped in radio communication tradition. Amateur Radio began here in the United States in mid-December 1912 under the authority of the Radio Act of 1912.

Obtaining one’s amateur radio license required passing exams in order to obtain privileges on the Amateur Radio Bands. You had to obtain knowledge of radio science and code proficiency. Many, many of us who obtained our licenses went on to make careers out of our passion for electronics and radio communication.

Some of us became electrical engineers, scientists, astronauts, college professors, politicians and even a few rock stars. No matter who you were or what career path you chose, having an amateur radio license meant something and it still does today.

Amateur Radio over the years has had a HUGE impact on our society in a positive way. As an example, in times of major disasters when communication is disrupted, amateur radio operators have always been there to help people in need. Amateur radio operators have saved lives countless times.

Although I am all for reducing unnecessary spending of our tax dollars, throwing out the baby with the bath water is not the way to go about this. **WE NEED TO KEEP AMATEUR RADIO INTACT.**

Sincerely,

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